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SUBJECT: PUBLISH RIOS' RESIGNATION LETTER

SUMMARY: PRESS SEPT. 25 CARRIES RIOS MONTT'S LETTER TO DEFENSE MINISTER REQUESTING RELEASE FROM ARMY TO ACCEPT DCG PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY. DCG EXPECTS MINISTER'S ACCEPTANCE BY SEPT. 26. RIOS TO RETURN TO GUATEMALA SEPT. 29 REGARDLESS OF MINISTRY ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. SEPT. 25 EDITIONS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY PAID AD WITH FULL TEXT OF GENERAL EFRAIN RIOS MONTT'S LETTER TO DEFENSE MINISTER FAUSTO RUBIO REQUESTING RELEASE FROM ARMY IN ORDER TO ACCEPT DCG PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY. THE

LETTER IS CLEARLY DIRECTED TOWARD THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY OFFICER CORPS, WHO ARE ASSURED THAT RIOS' 30 YEARS OF SERVICE GUARANTEE HIS RESPECT FOR THE "HIERARCHY OF OUR RANKING SYSTEM." RIOS SUBTLY SUGGESTS THAT HE EXPECTS THE ARMY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE ELECTION, "GUIDED BY GOD--IN ITS DECISIONS AND ATTITUDES" THE GENERAL POINTEDLY CLOSES HIS LETTER BY WISHING MINISTER RUBIO GOOD FORTUNE AND "THE CLEAREST CONCEPTION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE

PRESIDENT HAVE PUT IN YOUR HANDS."

2. DCG SECRETARY-GENERAL DANILO BARILLAS TOLD US SEPT.
25 THAT RUBIO HAD PROMISED THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HE
WOULD FORMALLY ACCEPT RIOS' RESIGNATION BY SEPT. 26.
BARILLAS AND DCG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER RUBEN
GONZALEZ PLAN TO DEPART FOR WASHINGTON ON THE 26TH
OR 27TH TO ACCOMPANY RIOS IN HIS RETURN TO GUATEMALA
SEPT. 29. BARILLAS ASSERTED RIOS WOULD RETURN
SATURDAY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE MINISTER HAS REPLIED
BY THEN TO HIS RESIGNATION LETTER.
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